

Lab's Big Chief Facing Critical Fight of His Career

Samuel Gompers, 70 years young, 38 times president of the American Federation of Labor, and with a single year's intermission, the undisputed leader of organized labor since the formation of the federation in 1881, today opened the fortieth annual convention of the A. F. of L. at Montreal.



For many years Gompers' enemies in the federation have hoped and expected his defeat; the radicals in the movement have opposed him consistently; but year after year he holds his sway and the "Gompers machine" flattens out opposition, puts through resolutions, endorses the action of the "executive council" and re-elected Gompers president.

Gompers is facing one of the big fights of his career on this convention of political action at the convention. Various branches of the federation have formed "Labor Parties" and challenged the time-honored policy of Gompers who has stuck to non-partisanship, and a policy of "rewarding friends and punishing enemies" in the political field.

Two years ago, the convention changed the date of meeting from November to June in order that the convention might have more effect on the presidential and congressional campaigns.

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FOUND IN CREEK

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"WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?"



New York.—"Keb, sir? Taxi-any-part-of-the-city?" So did Doug Fairbanks, who is believed to make more money than any Gotham taxi driver, address the folks who gathered at the station to meet him and his bride, Mary Pickford, when they landed from Los Angeles.

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WM. DOYLE, 100 WEEKS AGO, DIED

Life Long Resident of Rock Island and Successor to the Rock Island Arsenal Two Months Ago.

Injuries sustained eight weeks ago when he was employed by the government as a watchman at the Rock Island Arsenal, caused the death of William Doyle at the Lutheran hospital here, at noon Sunday.

He had been confined in the hospital since that time, when a fall resulted in a severe compound fracture of the thigh bone. He had resided at 1223 Eleventh street, Rock Island.

Mr. Doyle was a life long resident of Rock Island, where he was born March 9, 1860. He had the distinction of being one of the first mail carriers in the city. He had spent late years been employed at the Rock Island Arsenal. He was married in this city to Miss Ellen Browne, who, with two sons, Lewis and George, preceded him in death.

The survivors are three brothers: Daniel, Eugene and Jack Doyle, all of Rock Island; and two sisters, Mrs. William Doyle of Rock Island and Mrs. John Quinn of Fountain City, Wis.

Funeral services will be conducted at St. Joseph's Catholic church at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning, with Rev. P. H. Durkin officiating and with burial at Calvary cemetery.

HEAD OF STEEL COMPANY HURT

William C. F. Zimmerman, president of the Zimmerman Steel company of Bettendorf, was very seriously injured this noon when a Burlington train struck and demolished the sedan in which he was riding near Bettendorf.

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NO NEW WORD ON ARSENAL LAYOFF

Still in Dark on Appropriations—Only Harsh Shop Workers Are Let Out.

As no word had been received from the war department regarding the apportionment of appropriations for the government work at its plants for the coming year, as provided for by the military appropriations measure signed by President Wilson Saturday, the Rock Island Arsenal officials today were still unable to make any new announcement concerning the reduction of the working force on the island.

About thirty employees at the Arsenal voluntarily resigned Saturday and a majority of those still employed in the harness shop were notified they would be cut from the payroll Saturday, June 12. Those being let out in the harness shop are laid off because of the removal of that department of the Arsenal to Jeffersonville, Ind., and has no connection with the reduction that may be made in the forces of the other departments.

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FUNERAL OF EDWARD M. FREDERICKSON

Funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon for Edward M. Frederickson, Rock Island war veteran, who died in a hospital in Washington, D. C., from the effects of war wounds and injuries received in an accident. They were held at the home of T. E. Condon, 1213 Fourteenth street, in charge of Rev. William Essex of Trinity Episcopal church.

Pall bearers were Norman A. Alfred W. and Clarence S. Christensen, Waldo R. Reid, Louis E. Behrens and C. Negus. At the grave in Chippianock cemetery the Rock Island Erie of Eagles conducted the ceremony of the order and a firing squad from Rock Island post of the American Legion fired a volley over the grave.

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SOMETHING FOR NOTHING OFFER OF ARMY COPS

"It's hard to believe nowadays that somebody is giving something away absolutely free," said Captain Martin Watner of the Rock Island Salvation Army corps. "That must be the reason we have had so small a response to our offer of tickets for our children's picnic."

The picnic is to be held all day Wednesday, June 16, at Long View park and ice cream with other refreshments is to be given away to holders of tickets. These tickets may be secured at the Salvation Army hall, Fifth avenue and Twenty-first street, by children belonging to the Salvation Army Sunday school, and also by any child in the city who is not a member of some other Sunday school.

The last chance to obtain the tickets will be Wednesday afternoon of this week, from 2 to 4 o'clock. There is no charge.

BAY STATE LEADER OF G. O. P. RETIRES

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Obituary

Death claimed Evelyn Margaret Anderson, daughter of Prof. and Mrs. I. M. Anderson, 937 Forty-third street, at 8:45 this morning at the residence. Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon in the Grace Lutheran church, the Rev. Ira O. Nystrom to officiate. Remains will be taken to St. Peter, Minn., her former home, where interment will be made Tuesday. Evelyn was a lovely young woman and her splendid personality won for her a host of friends in the tri-cities, who mourn her loss. She was born Aug. 30, 1890, at St. Peter, Minn., and came with her parents to Rock Island in 1904. She attended the public schools of Rock Island and Chicago and was a student of the academy of Augustana college.

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I. C. C. DEALING OUT RAIL FUND

Washington, June 7.—Immediate appropriations of \$125,000,000 of government funds for the use of railroads to purchase new rolling stocks was announced today by the Interstate Commerce Commission. The money will be advanced out of the \$300,000,000 revolving fund provided in the transportation act.

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